

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6 are pending in the above-identified patent application when last examined. Claims 1 through 6 were rejected in the Office Action dated October 31, 2002. In this amendment and response, claim 6 is being canceled and the Abstract is being amended.

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract because it has at least one run-on sentence. The Abstract has been amended to remove the run-on sentence. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant is canceling claim 6 and therefore requests withdrawal of this rejection.

In sections 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,276,591 to *Hegarty*. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 is patentable over *Hegarty* by at least reciting:

A power saving illuminating device comprising a base with an opening on it, at least one semiconductor luminotron and a DC power source disposed within the base, a transparent refractive body mounted on the opening of the base, said semiconductor luminotron being connected to said power source,

wherein said transparent refractive body is full of light-reflecting granula within its body and is positioned in a manner that an end surface thereof is facing the semiconductor luminotron to enable an incident light from the semiconductor luminotron to have a long propagation.

*Hegarty*, as described by the Examiner, only discloses "a base with an opening [in] it. At least one semiconductor and DC power source is disposed in the base. A transparent refractive body is further mounted to the base to enable an incident light from the semiconductor luminotron to have long propagation." *Hegarty* makes no mention whatsoever of light-reflecting granulae within a transparent refractive body. In fact, the body (i.e., graphic panel) of *Hegarty* is made of solid glass or plastic (Column 4, lines 35 – 40) and therefore cannot include light-reflecting granulae disposed therein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over *Hegarty*, whether considered independently or in combination with the other references cited by the Examiner. Further, as claims 2 – 5 depend from claim 1, Applicant submits that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons.


In sections 5 and 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hegarty*. Applicant is canceling claim 6 and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**" Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

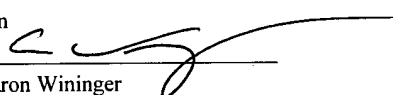
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## Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

### In the specification:

The paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 8 has been amended as follows:

The present invention concerns a power saving illuminating device. The device comprises a base, at least one semiconductor luminotron, a DC power source disposed within the base, and a transparent refractive body covered on the opening of the base, ~~said~~ The semiconductor luminotron is being connected to said power source, ~~wherein~~ Further, said transparent refractive body is full of light reflecting granulae within its body and is positioned in a manner that an end surface thereof is facing the semiconductor luminotron. The device is power saving and may be used as signposts, guideposts, colored lights, decoration lights and illuminating sign plates.

### In the claims:

Claim 6 has been canceled.